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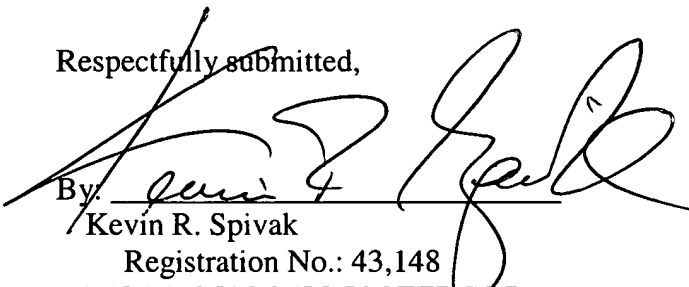
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	2.	European Standard, "Railway Applications - Door Systems for Rolling Stock," European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization, March 2000, 7 pages

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